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On the 21st inst., at St. John's Cathedral, Hong-

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necessary. The suggestion is a good one, so

far as it goes, but it forms only one item in

the general scheme of reorganisation that is

required. The difficulties of the present

arrangement as regards the internal govern-

ment of the Settlement are so great that

there appears to be some doubt as to

whether it will be possible in time to find

ground willing to do so gratuitously, as

Chairman of the Municipal Council, owing

to the great amount of work now attaching

to the office, and the power of the Council to

renew the Chairman for his services is

uncertain. We are not prepared to suggest to

our Shanghai friends a cut and dried scheme

for their future government, but are interested

speakers of the development of the Settlement

it seems to us that complete autonomy

and the elimination of all actual control

exercised by the Chinese Government is

what ought to be aimed at. This might

possibly be accomplished by a guarantee

of the treaty powers and an annual

payment to the Chinese Government of

such a lump sum as might be deemed a fair

equivalent of the revenue it at present

derives from the Settlement and its trade.

The boundaries of the Settlement should be

extended so as to provide for all probable

future developments and full control of

the navigation of the river and of all con-

servancy works should be claimed. The

Settlement would then be in a position

to regulate its own destinies and would

be independent of political complica-

tions in which it has no voice. In the

recent war the neutrality of Shanghai

was secured through the friendly offices of

England, but there is no certainty that the

same would be the case in any future war,

and it may be remembered that in the

Franco-Chinese war genuine alarm was felt

lest the Chinese should close the port. But

quite apart from such a contingency as that,

which may be considered a very remote one,

it is undesirable that an effete, corrupt,

and obstructive body like the Chinese

Government should have any voice what-

ever in the control of a great manufacturing

and trading centre like Shanghai, whose

development is dependent upon foreign in-

fluences. The present system or want of

system, with the individual freedom it has

allowed, has hitherto answered so well that

there may be a good deal of natural

reluctance to introduce a more highly

organised system of government, with

greater restrictions and greater responsi-

bilities, but though it may be possible

to defer the day of change it is in the nature

of things impossible that the present con-

ditions can be continued indefinitely.

H.M.S. Porpoise and the German man-of-war

freight went into dock yesterday at Kowloon.

H.M.S. Porpoise arrived yesterday from

Amoy. She reports all quiet in South

Korea.

The condition of Mr. J. Francis, Q.C.,

who is seriously ill, was yesterday, we are

glad to learn, somewhat better.

The N. G. I. steamer Biagoo, from Bombay

for this port, left Singapore yesterday morning

at 10 a.m. and is expected to arrive at this

port here on or about the 25th inst.

The tea steamer Company's steamship

Hankow, which arrived at Tientsin on the

8th inst., arrived in New York on the 17th.

The Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce

has accepted an invitation to send a delegation

to take part in the Third Congress of

Chambers of Commerce of the Empire, to be

held in June next.

Mr. George Grimble will give an organ

recital at Union Church on Monday afternoon,

the programme of which will be found in our

advertisement columns. The programme in-

cludes several vocal items.

On Monday next the session of the Legisla-

tive Council will be opened at 3 p.m. by H.E.

H. Robinson, Esq., and will be followed by

the Estimates for 1896 will review the con-

dition and prospects of the colony.

From Takow we learn that there is danger

of an epidemic there owing to the number of

arriving ships from the country, and the

community have been compelled to leave the

settlement and take refuge in Amoy. General

confusion prevails at Takow, in consequence

of the immense quantities of goods, landed

from the transports and the embarkation of

troops returning to Japan.

All the city gates at Canton are closed now

at 8 p.m. and are not opened again till morning

on any emergency. Small parties of soldiers,

or more correctly military police, carrying loaded

rifles, are seen patrolling the streets of

the suburbs from 8 p.m. till the gates are

closed for the night, which is done

The G. P. steamer Empress of China arrived

at Vancouver on the 20th inst.

The Norwegian steamer Fram, which left

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